

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (original) A blade holder for providing connection between a saw blade and a bit holder, comprising:

a holder body adapted for providing connection to the saw blade at the forward end of the blade holder;

a hex-shaped shank extending rearwardly from the holder body for coupling the blade holder to the bit holder; and

wherein the blade holder is cast around a tail of the saw blade.